

Docket No. 53588-013



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
JOHN P. PETTITT

Serial No.: 08/901,687

Filing Date: July 28, 1997

For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
DETECTING FRAUD IN A CREDIT CARD  
TRANSACTION OVER THE INTERNET

Examiner: J. CAMPA

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action in the above-referenced application mailed July 6, 1999, please amend this application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 10, 16, and 20 as follows:

- 1        10. (Twice amended) A method for verifying the validity  
2        of a credit card transaction over the Internet comprising the  
3        steps of:  
4              a) obtaining other transactions utilizing an Internet  
5              address that is identified with the credit card  
6              transaction;  
7              b) constructing a map of credit card numbers based upon  
8              the other transactions and;

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